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For: SYNTHETIC TORN PATTERNED	)	
ROLLER AND ITS METHOD OF	)	
PRODUCTION	)	

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This paper is filed preliminarily in this application. The specification at page 4, ll 25-35, has been amended to correct an inadvertent typographical error as set forth in the accompanying "Marked-up Specification. The clean text is set forth in the accompanying "Clean Specification". Claims 1 and 21 have been amended as set forth in the accompanying "Marked-up Set of Amended Claims". The amended claims are set forth in the accompanying "Clean Set of Amended Claims".

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the above-identified application respectfully is requested.

This paper is filed responsive to the outstanding Office action mailed October 4, 2000, and supplements Applicant's response thereto mailed on January 2, 2001. Reconsideration of the above-identified application respectfully is requested. Applicants further request that the Examiner reconsider his refusal to enter the specification and claim amendments submitted.

The amendment to the specification corrects an inadvertent typographical error correcting "shall" to "shallow". No new matter is added by virtue of this amendment and its entry respectfully is requested.

The amendments to claim 1 respond to its criticism by the Examiner in the parent application that process limitations are not given patentable significance. In this regard, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner. The claim limitation at issue is as follows: